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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The functions are the same as those of stipendiary Magistrates, the only difference being that Honorary Magistrates do not draw salaries."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister for Law aware of the fact that one Honorary Presidency Magistrate in Madras was disqualified to be a Magistrate simply because he contested against a Congress candidate in the last election? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member can put a separate question."

Tapping of mineral resources in Banganapalle.

* 154 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the steps, if any, taken in the matter of tapping mineral resources in Banganapalle further to the reference made in answer to question No. 1066, dated 4th April 1951, in the Legislative Assembly?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No steps have been taken for tapping mineral resources in Banganapalle." If private enterprise would come forward to exploit these resources, Government would give them permission."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" How many centuries would the Government take to tap the mineral resources of Banganapalle? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" My hon. Friend should know that plenty of finances are required for the Government to exploit the mineral resources in Banganapalle. At present Government are not having sufficient funds. If private enterprise were to come forward for exploiting the mineral resources in the area referred to, the Government would certainly give them all co-operation."

SRI V. CHIDANANDAM :—" Will the Government see whether there are mineral resources in Cuddapah district also, and if so, may I know whether the Government would take immediate steps to exploit them? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I submit, Mr. Speaker that a separate question may be put, or in the alternative when the Industries Demand comes up for discussion, my Friend may put the question and I shall answer."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Does the Government seriously think of exploiting our mineral resources wherever they are found? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" My hon. Friend should be aware that the Geological Survey Department have made surveys of certain areas and their results have been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. These minerals do not deteriorate even if they are not tapped. If the hon.

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Member were to bring forward certain private enterprise for exploiting the mineral resources, the Government will certainly consider their request very favourably.''

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" Is the Industries department tapping minerals anywhere in our State? If not, may I know what are the functions of the Officer for Mines? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are now concerned with tapping of mineral resources in Banganapalle. The hon. Member may put a separate question.''

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" The Hon. Minister has just now said that thees minerals do not deteriorate even if they are not tapped. May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware that the nation will deteriorate, if our mineral resoureces are not tapped? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The nation will certainly deteriorate if we undertake schemes for which we are not financially ready.''

Number of public hospitals in Wynad taluk.

* 155 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIYAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of public hospitals now in existence in the whole of Wynad taluk of Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The number of public hospitals in the Wynad taluk is six (including rural dispensaries). They are—

(1) Government Hospital, Manantoddy.

(2) Wynad Land Colonisation Scheme Dispensary, Ambalavayal.

(3) Local Fund Dispensary, Vayithri.

(4) Local Fund Dispensary, Sultan's Battery.

(5) Rural Dispensary, Panamaram.

(6) Rural Dispensary, Meppadi.''

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know the area in square miles covered by each hospital? Will the Hon. Minister remember that Wynad taluk is a place of long distances and of poor communications? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No rural dispensary is usually allowed to be started within a radius of five square miles. More hospitals would be provided as and when finances permit.''